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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Koenigsbrueck Troop Training Grounds

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1. On 23 October 1953, the Nachrichten Schule, Koenigsbrueck, was occupied by about 500 to 600 troops, mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Only little activity was observed in the quartering area. At about 6 p.m., about 30 troops left the installation. About 60 troops engaged in physical training in the barracks yard.

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2. On 23 October, the Altes Lager was occupied as previously. Five piles of ammunition boxes and fuel drums were seen in the barracks area and 18 trucks were in the barracks yard.

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3. On 23 October, Neues Lager was occupied and intensive vehicular traffic was observed.

4. Troop trains observed at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station between 31 October and 9 November included:

T - tank car

P - boxcar

Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
October 31	54 B	troops	Frankfurt/Oder	Schmorkau
November 1	20 T	empty	Koenigsbrueck	Prest Litovsk
" 3	54 B	troops	Frankfurt/Oder	Klotzsche
" 4	54 B	"	"	Schmorkau
" 9	3 T	690 hl fuel	Strassgraebchen	Koenigsbrueck
" 9	1 T	Oil	Koenigsbrueck	Radebeul-East

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5. Between 2 and 10 November, 120 to 200 recruits were daily observed in Neues Lager, receiving basic training. On 2 November, 30 troops received advanced combat training; on 6 November, 3 trucks and 12 motorcycles engaged in cross-country driving and, on 9 November, 30 troops practiced aiming.

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6. On 13 November, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 30 T-34 and/or T-34/85 tanks and about 20 x 37-mm and 76-mm AA guns were observed in the quartering area. At 8:25 a.m. on 7 November, T-34 tanks [redacted] left the installation toward Bohra. On 9 November, about 80 recruits received basic training. 1

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7. On 13 November, Altes Lager was occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a guard detail of 21 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and coming from Neues Lager. [redacted]

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8. Between 2 and 13 November, T-34 or T-34/85 tanks almost daily engaged in driving practice in the Aue area, while 120 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received field training. On 5 days, an undetermined number of troops engaged in firing practice.

1. [redacted] Comment. The 44th Gds Tank Regt is again confirmed in the Nachrichten Schule [redacted] The AA guns reported [redacted] presumably belong to the 4th Gds AAA Div stationed in Neues Lager. It appears doubtful whether an AAA unit is permanently stationed in the Nachrichten Schule, as the installation is believed to be occupied almost to capacity by the tank regiment, the 270th Gds Mort Regt and the unidentified tank training battalion of the 11th Gds Tank Div.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Fuel and ammunition are stored in Altes Lager as previously.
3. [redacted] Comment. In addition to the 4th Gds AAA Div, the unidentified artillery brigade of the 1st Gds Mecz Div is carried in Neues Lager. However, no recent confirmation of these units has been received.
4. [redacted] Comment. The three trains from Frankfurt/Oder fairly definitely carried recruits from the USSR to the area of the First Gds Mecz Army. However, the shipments cannot yet be confirmed by reports on transportation.

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